

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1941, National School of Business was founded in Rapid City, South Dakota, by local attorney and businessman Clarence Jacobson; and,

Whereas, Mr. Jacobson desired to provide specialized business training to women who wanted to work outside the home and veterans returning from war who were seeking to return to the workforce; and,

Whereas, In 1962, Harold D. Buckingham, a passionate advocate for higher education who believed that quality educational opportunities should exist for every person who desires them, purchased National School of Business; and,

Whereas, National School of Business expanded to become National College of Business, then National College, and now National American University (NAU); and,

Whereas, Today, NAU offers associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in traditional, online, and hybrid formats through more than 30 locations in 10 states, including 4 campuses in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The NAU, that continues to be based in South Dakota, is a major employer in Rapid City and provides opportunities for students to pursue higher education in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Ellsworth Air Force Base; and,

Whereas, June 3, 2017, marks the 75th annual commencement exercises for National American University and 75 years of preparing students for careers in technical and professional fields:

Now Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2017, as

NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY DAY

in South Dakota, in recognition of NAU's contributions to the business and education communities in South Dakota during the past 75 years.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State